Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 26 Aug 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 27 Aug 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 25 Aug 2023 at 15:18 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence in showery weather initially however uncertainty in amount and timing of showers, low confidence in the forecast from Tuesday.

Headline for Saturday 26 Aug 2023: A cloudy start with some mist, a showery afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 26 Aug 2023

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Mist	Heavy rain showers	Heavy rain showers	Light rain showers	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	10%	60%	60%	40%	30%	30%

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Weather: A cloudy start to the day with mist and fog patches are likely especially around northern facing hills. A few sunny spells for the more southern ranges towards Glen Shiel but then turning showery once again in the afternoon and evening, showers tending to move through reasonably well in strong northerly breezes.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%, early morning low cloud will tend to lift and thin but northwestern ranges likely to continue to see low cloud forming.

Low cloud and visibility: Broken low cloud for northern ranges in the morning above 500m will lift and thin although not likely to clear altogether especially around Northwestern ranges like the Fannichs and Assynt and also on Skye where it might be more persistent. Cloud thickening and lowering temporarily in any heavier afternoon showers. Visibility will be moderate at times and very poor in early mist and fog.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	20/24 NE	16/19 N	19/23 N	25/31 N	25/32 N	20/27 N	19/25 N	15/20 N	11/15 NW
900	19/23 NE	13/17 N	18/22 N	24/29 N	24/31 N	20/26 N	18/24 N	15/20 N	11/15 NW
600	12/16 NE	9/12 N	13/17 N	18/23 N	19/26 N	16/23 N	14/20 N	11/16 N	8/12 NW
300	4/19 N	3/14 N	4/18 N	8/25 N	8/26 N	8/22 N	10/23 N	7/17 N	6/13 NW
Glen	9/18 NE	4/11 N	6/15 N	13/26 N	15/28 N	15/28 N	15/27 N	9/17 N	8/15 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	6/2	6/3	7/3	7/2	8/4	8/4	7/3	6/3	6/3
900	7/3	7/4	8/4	8/4	9/4	9/5	8/4	7/4	7/4
600	9/6	9/7	10/7	10/6	10/7	11/8	10/7	9/6	8/6
300	10/10	10/10	11/10	11/10	12/10	12/11	11/9	10/9	10/9
Glen	13/11	13/12	13/12	14/12	14/12	14/12	14/11	13/12	13/11
Freezing Level*	2000m	2200m	2300m	2300m	2300m	2300m	2300m	2200m	2200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling cooler in northerly winds which will be stronger around western hills and the Cuillin.

Forecast for Sunday 27 Aug 2023
Weather: Any early showers in the east dying out and some brighter conditions for a time with some sunny spells. Cloud will thicken later in the day but remaining mostly dry during daylight hours, perhaps some evening rain in the west.

Maximum wind: Westerly 10-15mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70% increasing to 90%, early low cloud will lift and clear most areas. Falling to 60% again as evening rain spreads east.

Low cloud and visibility: Scattered or broken low cloud above 600m around northern hills will lift and clear during the morning, perhaps more low cloud around western ranges in the evening. Very good or excellent visibility developing during the day, perhaps moderate at first in the north. Scattered cloud falling back to 600m later in the evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 10 rising to 15Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 5 rising to 9 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above all summits.

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